BOOKER T.
WASHINGTON SCHOOL
corner of Marion & Blossom Sts., Columbia
(Front) The two-story main building at Booker T. Washington School, built in 1916, stood here until 1975. At first an elementary school with grades 1-10, it became Booker T. Washington High School with grades 9-10 in 1918, added grade 11 in 1924, and added grade 12 in 1947. Columbia's only black high school from 1917 to 1948 and for many years the largest black high school in the state, it closed in 1974.
(Reverse)
BOOKER T.
WASHINGTON HIGH
Booker T. Washington High, one of the first black high schools accredited by the S.C. Dept. of Education, was also one of the most significant institutions in Columbia's black community for more than fifty years. Notable principals included C.A. Johnson, 1916-1931; J. Andrew Simmons, 1932-1945; and Harry B. Rutherford, 1950-1965. The University of S.C. bought the property in 1974 and demolished the main building in 1975.
Erected by the Historic Columbia Foundation, the City of Columbia, and the S.C. Department of Transportation, 2009

No #
FORT JACKSON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
in front of the Hood Street Elementary School, Hood St., Fort Jackson, Columbia
(Front) Fort Jackson Elementary School was one of the first public schools in S.C. to desegregate when classes began on September 3, 1963. The first school on post and one of the first permanent buildings at Fort Jackson, it was built in only three months. A new federal policy required all schools on military bases to admit African-American students instead of sending them to separate schools off-base.
(Reverse)
HOOD STREET
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
This school opened under Principal Thomas Silvester with nine civilian teachers and 245 students in Grades 1-6. A newspaper article described it as "operated without regard to race, creed or color." Fort Jackson Elementary School, later renamed Hood Street Elementary School after additional schools opened on post, has served the families of Fort Jackson servicemen and servicewomen for more than 45 years.
Erected by Fort Jackson, United States Army, 2009

Saluda County

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RIDGE HILL SCHOOL
at the Ridge Spring Star Community Center, 206 Ridge Hill Dr., Ridge Spring
(Front) This school, built in 1934, replaced the Ridge Hill Rosenwald School, a six-classroom frame school built in 1923-24. That school was funded in part by the Julius Rosenwald Foundation, building more than 500 African-American schools in S.C. 1917-1932. It burned in 1934, but the new school was built on the same plan, at a cost of about $8000. Grades 1-11 attended this school until grade 12 was added in 1947. Ridge Hill School closed in 1957.
(Reverse)